

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 194630
ORIGIN SNM-02

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 IO-13 ISO-00 DEAE-00 L-03 TRSE-00
OES-07 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 /043 R

DRAFTED BY S/NM:MLCHESHES:SCT
APPROVED BY S/NM:MFALCO
NEA/INS:PLANDE
IO/HDC:RANDREW

-----059424 170108Z /73

P R 162236Z AUG 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

S E C R E T STATE 194630

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, UN, NP

SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL STUDY OF POPPY CULTIVATION AND
CODEINE PROCESSING

REFERENCE: GENEVA 6937

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE A GREAT MISTAKE FOR
U.N. LABORATORY TO PROVIDE SEEDS OF PAPAVER SOMNIFERUM OR
PAPAVER BRACTEATUM, OR IN ANY OTHER WAY TO FOSTER NEPAL'S
POPPY CULTIVATION. NEPAL DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE MEANS OF
CONTROLLING CULTIVATION AND PART OF ANY PRODUCTION RESULT-
ING FROM UN ASSISTANCE WOULD SURELY FIND ITS WAY INTO THE
ILLICIT TRAFFIC. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT U.N. SHOULD REFER
TO THE FACT THAT NEPAL IS NOT A SIGNATORY OF THE SINGLE
CONVENTION.

2. WHILE THE DANGERS INHERENT IN PAPAVER BRACTEATUM CULTI-
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 194630

VATION ARE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN IN SOMNIFERUM, IT WOULD
NEVERTHELESS CREATE PROBLEMS FOR US AND THE U.N. IF IT WERE
LEARNED THAT THE UN WAS HELPING NEPAL EVEN WITH THAT TYPE
OF POPPY. MISSION GENEVA WILL RECALL THE INTERNATIONAL CON-
CERN AROUSED WHEN U.S. FIRMS PROPOSED BRACTEATUM PRODUCTION
EARLIER THIS YEAR.

3. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS VISIT TO GENEVA FOR NEPAL'S ROYAL
DRUG LABORATORY DIRECTOR GENERAL MULLA WOULD BE VALUABLE
IF IT WERE SUCCESSFULLY USED TO DISSUADE THE NEPALESE FROM
PURSUING THIS PROJECT. MISSION MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE U.N.
OFFICIALS THE U.S. HAS WARNED NEPAL THAT GON ACTIONS WHICH
LED TO LED TO THEIR COUNTRY BECOMING A SOURCE OF ILLICIT
OPIUM WOULD RAISE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN OUR BILATERAL RELA-
TIONS. VANCE

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CODEINE, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 16-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE194630
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: MLCHESHES:SCT
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770296-0016
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770856/aaaabvao.tel
Line Count: 70
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 4ec4f759-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SNM
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 GENEVA 6937
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1584571
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL STUDY OF POPPY CULTIVATION AND CODEINE PROCESSING
TAGS: SNAR, NP, UN
To: GENEVA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/4ec4f759-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009